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OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
SOL-2019-00265

September 3, 2019

Via Email: 79685-20469074@requests.muckrock.com

MuckRock News
DEPT MR 79685
Attn: Jimmy Tobias
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Tobias,

On August 28, 2019, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In your request, you specifically ask for:

“Any and all records documenting attorneys fees or other money provided as a result of litigation or legal settlements to the Mountain States Legal Foundation by the U.S. Interior Department or its bureaus under the Equal Access to Justice Act or other funding mechanisms.”

Your request has been assigned FOIA Tracking #SOL-2019-00265. Please cite this number in future communications with the Office of the Solicitor concerning this request.

In response to your letter, the Office of the Solicitor searched its records and found no documents responsive to your request. However, the information that you seek is maintained at the following link. <https://edit.doi.gov/solicitor/transparency/attorneys-fees>. Please feel free to check this link for updates to legal settlements within the office of solicitor.

This concludes the Office of the Solicitor’s response to your request. The fee incurred in responding to your request is less than \$50 and is not being charged in accordance with 43 CFR 2.16(b)(2).

If you consider this response to be a denial of your request, you may appeal this response to the Department’s FOIA Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday. Your appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

FOIA Appeals Officer
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W., MS 6556
Washington, D.C. 20240
Phone: 202-208-5339
Fax: 202-208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

You must include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Office of the Solicitor concerning your FOIA request, including a copy of your original FOIA request and your denial letter. Failure to include this documentation with your appeal will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal. All communications concerning your appeal, including envelopes, should be clearly marked with the words "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the Office of the Solicitor's response is in error. For more information on FOIA Administrative Appeals, you may review the Department's FOIA regulations at 43 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart H.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Purvis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lance Purvis
Office of the Solicitor FOIA Officer